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Gov. Perdue to Receive National Award for Support to National Guard Monday

RALEIGH, N.C. – North Carolina Governor Beverly Eaves Perdue will receive one of the National Guard Association of the United States' (NGAUS) highest awards for support to the National Guard, the Charles Dick Medal of Merit, in a ceremony at the State Capitol Monday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m.

“Governor Perdue has been, and continues to be, a dedicated leader of the North Carolina National Guard and an advocate for the Guard as a whole,” said Maj. Gen. Greg Lusk, adjutant general of North Carolina. Lusk will present the award. “Governor Perdue has been instrumental in providing support for our service members and their families.”

The Charles Dick Medal of Merit was established in 1988 and is designed to recognize contributions to the National Guard by elected representatives at the state and national levels.

The medal is named in honor of Maj. Gen. Charles Dick, President of the National Guard Association of the United States from 1902 to 1909, a major general in the Ohio National Guard, a Congressman and later a Senator. Dick was responsible for the passage of the Dick Acts of 1903 and 1908 that established the foundation for the modern National Guard.

In its recommendation of Perdue, the North Carolina National Guard included many accomplishments as examples of her leadership.

- In 2010, Perdue readily signed into law an act to prohibit foreclosures on service members while on active military duty;

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- she continuously advocates for jobs for service members and spouses, creating the “I Hire Military” campaign to encourage businesses to hire veterans and military spouses’
- she was instrumental in establishing the North Carolina Military Business Center and the North Carolina Military Foundation, focused on recruiting defense contractors and growing the state’s defense and homeland security economy;
- through numerous proclamations (National Guard Week, Military Suicide Prevention Month, Month of the Military Child, etc), Gov. Perdue has kept the issues facing the National Guard in the collective conscience;
- she has personally attended numerous unit farewell and homecoming ceremonies acknowledging the sacrifices of Soldiers, Airmen, and their family members;
- National Governors Association’s lead governor on the National Guard;
- she was instrumental in the development of a joint action plan to improve coordination between state and federal military forces, establishing the role of the dual-status commander and creating a training and certification program for such;
- she pushed hard for making the chief of National Guard Bureau a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff;
- and as an active member of the National Governors Association Special Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety, she has worked hard to turn around the disproportionate cuts for the Air National Guard included in the U.S. Air Force’s Fiscal Year 2013 budget request.

Gov. Perdue will receive the award in her Capitol office.